रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) इस संबंध में कुछ अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ख) भोपाल और नई दिल्ली / निजामुद्दीन के बीच 2001/2002 नई दिल्ली/भोपाल शताब्दी एक्सप्रेस सहित 23 जोड़ी गाड़ियां पहले से ही उपलब्ध है।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Norms prescribed by IREC for Konkan Railway

3014. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the safety norms prescribed by the Indian Railway Engineering Code (IREC) for the construction of bridges and tunnels on the Mumbai-Mangalore rail connection which is being executed by Konkan Railway Corporation (KRC);

(b) whether the KRC have complied with those norms, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact the KRC had sought foreign technology and if so, how much expenditure was incurred in this regard and the reasons for seeking foreign technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The bridge & tunnels on the Konkan Railway Project between Roha and Mangalore have been designed & constructed by following the provisions of Indian Railways Codes of Practices and Rules for opening of a Railway for Public Carriage of Passengers.

(b) Yes, Sir. KRC has strictly adhered to the provision of the Indian Railways codes of Practice as well as Indian Railways Engineering Code in Construction of the Broad Gauge Railway line between Roha and Mangalore followed by certification by Commissioner of Railway Safety.

(c) No, Sir. However, KRC adopted frontline technologies in some aspects of the Project.

Unhygienic condition at Nagpur Railway Station

3015. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that most of the platforms, rail tracks and toilets at Nagpur Railway Station in Maharashtra remain dirty and stinking with odour making the platforms unhygienic;

(b) if so, whether surprise checks are conducted to find out the neglect of the station by the authorities;

(c) if so, the details thereof for the last six months; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to maintain the desired level of cleanliness at Nagpur Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The platforms, tracks and toilets at Nagpur station are maintained in clean condition.

(b) and (c) During the last six months, 53 surprise checks were conducted by Medical, Commercial and other officers at Nagpur station.

(d) Adequate number of safai karamcharis, material and equipment for cleanliness have been provided at Nagpur.

Facilities after the Constitution of Passenger Amenities Committees

3016. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new facilities have since been provided to railway passengers since the constitution of the present

Railway Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether new private vending/ catering contracts have been allotted to private persons either on Railway Stations or in trains since constitution of present Railway Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Railway Station and train-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Chairman and Members of the Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee have inspected various stations on the Indian Railways and in their Inspection Notes pointed out deficiencies noticed there. The observations of the Committees have been brought to the notice of the Zonal Railways concerned for taking remedial action.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Detachment of AC-3 Tier Coaches from Neelai Express

3017. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AC-3 tier coaches on Nellai Express (Southern Railway) have been detached;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to re-attach AC-3 tier coaches on the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. 6119/6120 Madras-Tirunelveli Nellai Express is a Metre Gauge train and there is no Metre Gauge A.C. 3 tier coach with Indian Railways.

Construction of Railway guest house in Kanyakumari

3018. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a railway guest house at the Tourist Centre in Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Passenger Facilities on Delhi-Punjab Trains

3019. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper facilities are not being provided to the passengers in the trains running from Delhi to Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action is taken on the complaints made by the passengers in this regard and whether a reply is sent to the complainant; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the passengers may not have any problems on these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Adequate and proper facilities are provided to the passengers in the trains running from Delhi to Punjab.